

We claim:

1. A window regulator comprising:  
at least one lift plate to which a window can be affixed; at least one rail along which said at least one lift plate can be moved, the rail including a guide located adjacent one end and a drive means located adjacent the opposite end, the drive means including a driven drum driven by said drive means;  
and a flexible drive member extending about said driven drum and said guide and connected to said lift plate such that movement of said driven drum moves said lift plate along the at least one rail via said flexible drive member and wherein said drive means and said driven drum are pivotally mounted to said rail to allow said driven drum to be moved away from said guide to tension said flexible drive member.
2. The window regulator of claim 1 wherein said flexible drive member is a belt.
3. The window regulator of claim 1 wherein said flexibly drive means is a wire cable.
4. The window regulator of claim 1 wherein said guide is a pulley.
5. The window regulator of claim 1 including first and second rails, each rail having a lift plate to which a respective one of opposed sides of a window can be attached, the first rail including said guide adjacent one end and said drive means and driven drum adjacent said opposite end and the second rail including a guide adjacent each respective end and wherein the flexible drive member extends about a first portion of the driven pulley and the guide of the first rail and a second flexible drive member extends around a second portion of the driven drum and each guide of the second rail such that movement of said driven drum moves each lift plate in the same direction along each respective rail.
6. The window regulator of claim 5 wherein at least one of said guides is a pulley.

7. The window regulator of claim 5 wherein the flexible drive member passes through first and second conduits extending between said first and second rails.
8. The window regulator of claim 5 wherein said driven drum also includes a guide portion.
9. The window regulator of claim 1 including complementary toothed surfaces on said rail and said drive means, said complementary toothed surfaces inter-engaging to maintain said drive means in a desired position wherein said flexible drive member is tensioned to a selected degree.
10. In a window regulator having a drive means including a driven drum engaging a flexible drive member that is connected to a lift plate, wherein the flexible drive member is routed about a guide mounted to one end of a rail, an improvement comprising pivotally mounting the drive means to an opposite end of the rail.
11. A window regulator comprising:
  - at least one rail;
  - a flexible drive member;
  - at least one lift plate connected to the flexible drive member;
  - at least one guide mounted to the at least one rail for routing the flexible drive member; and
  - drive means including a driven drum engaging the flexible drive member, wherein the drive means is pivotally mounted to the at least one rail to allow the driven drum to be moved in relation to the at least one guide in order to tension the flexible drive member.
12. A window regulator comprising:
  - at least one lift plate to which a window can be affixed;
  - at least one rail along which said at least one lift plate can be moved, the rail including a guide located adjacent one end and a drive means located adjacent the opposite end, the drive means including a driven drum driven by said drive means;
  - and a flexible drive member in the form of an endless loop of preselected

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length, the drive member extending about said driven drum and said guide and connected to said lift plate such that movement of said driven drum moves said lift plate along the at least one rail via said flexible drive member and wherein said drive means and said driven drum are pivotally mounted to said rail to allow said driven drum to be moved away from said guide to tension said flexible drive member.